

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE RIVER CORRIDOR RFP

Fifth Set

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1. What is the content/form of the 300 Area Uranium (Section C.3.2.3.4)?
 - A. There are 825 Metric tons of Uranium remaining in the 300 Area, composed of finished and unfinished, unirradiated, N-Reactor fuel elements and “possible” broken fuel pieces. The subject “possible” broken fuel pieces are contained in boxes, which have not been opened. The material is composed of 1.25% and 0.95% enriched uranium and a small quantity of 0.71% enriched uranium fuel tubes. Additional information is available from the following document:
 - EA-1319 – <http://www.hanford.gov/netlib/ea.asp>
2. Please provide the detailed cost estimates developed for each individual ID task including:
 - The MCACES estimate that the Corps of Engineers prepared
 - The Bechtel Hanford, Inc. detailed estimates prepared for DOE
 - Fluor Hanford Incorporated detailed estimates prepared for DOE
 - A. All information used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to prepare the MCACES estimates for the DOE Independent Cost estimate may be found at the following Web site:
 - <http://www.hanford.gov/procure/solicit/rcc/COEdocs.asp>
 - Examples of the Bechtel MCACES runs are currently located on <http://www.hanford.gov/procure/solicit/rcc/BHIdocs.asp>. These examples were chosen to be representative of all the model types used by Bechtel. The complete Bechtel Hanford, Inc. detailed cost estimates have been collected and will either be placed on the procurement website or otherwise made available to prospective offerors who request them. This information will cover the basis for all of the reactor estimates and all of the ancillary facilities D⁴. The data files are expected to be in MS/DOS and it will be necessary for prospective offerors to have the MCACES software to interpret this data.

All information used by Fluor Hanford Incorporated for the 300 Area POWERTOOL estimates may be found at the following Web site:

 - <http://www.hanford.gov/procure/solicit/rcc/FHdocs.asp>
3. Please provide cost documents to support \$103.6M per attachment 11, L-81 for the 324 Building?
 - A. The documentation to support the \$103.6M cost for the 324 Building can be found in the River Corridor Restoration Base Cost Estimate available on the RCC Webpage at <http://www.hanford.gov/procure/solicit/rcc/pdf/RCC-Baseline-Entire-Report.pdf>. The costs “Summarized by Site/Facility” for the building are on page 57.

4. Please provide cost documents to support \$63M per attachment 11, L-81 for the 327 Building?
 - A. The documentation to support the \$63M cost for the 327 Building can be found in the River Corridor Restoration Base Cost Estimate available on the RCC Webpage at <http://www.hanford.gov/procure/solicit/rcc/pdf/RCC-Baseline-Entire-Report.pdf>. The costs “Summarized by Site/Facility” for the building are on page 56.
5. Please provide the Removal Action Work Plans and EE/CAs for the 324 and 327 Buildings.
 - A. This information does not exist. The RFP Section C.3.2.3.6 requires the contractor to prepare these documents.
6. Section H.6 (D) provides that the Contractor and team members will agree to credit service experience of incumbent personnel for benefits purposes. Conversely, will contractor team personnel who become an integrated part of the project be allowed to carry over their respective service experience with the offering firms relative to benefits purposes?
 - A. Employees the offeror brings to the Hanford Site will remain under their prior corporate pension plan. Alternatively, if they become part of the Hanford pension program, they will not retain continuity of service and will be considered new hires.
7. Section L.7 (C), Criterion 3 (1) (a) requires a list of six (6) project past performance summaries for each team member. Is the total of six per team member a mandatory number or a maximum? If there were multiple team members, for example, could a team submit six past performance summaries for the prime contractor and a lesser number for other team members appropriate to their participation level in the project and the specific role that they would play in project execution?
 - A. The RFP requires six current contracts or activities that are substantially underway or have been completed in the last five years. This is a mandatory number for each individual team member that the proposer wants credited as a participant on the team. However, companies without a record of relevant past performance, or for whom information on past or present performance is not available, will be evaluated neither favorably nor unfavorably on past performance (See note in paragraph M.3 (A)(3)(a) of the RFP).
8. Section L.7(C), Criterion 3, Past Performance and Experience refers to using Section L, Attachment 5, Past Performance Form for submission of project descriptions. With Attachment 5 is a Past Performance Letter. Is it DOE’s intent to send the letter to points of contact on the form, or are bidders required to send the letters for return to DOE?
 - A. The Past Performance Letter and Past Performance Questionnaire will be used by DOE to solicit information from government offices that have or have had contracts with an offeror.

9. In the Draft RFP, DOE had requested that a Transition Plan be submitted 60 days after the proposal submittal to provide DOE with adequate time to review the Transition Plan to ensure effective and efficient transition. In previous Q&A, DOE indicated that they did not intend to revise this requirement, but the Final RFP states that the Transition Plan is now due eleven (11) days after contract award (Section C.10). Would you please confirm that no transition information is to be provided prior to contract award. If DOE's intent in delaying the Transition Plan is to remove incumbent advantage, will transition costs be eliminated from the required bid costs to be submitted as part of the proposal?

A. No transition plan information is to be provided prior to contract award. Transition costs will be considered part of the contractor's overall actual cost and should be built into its target cost.

10. Would the Corporate Involvement evaluation factor preclude a very small firm, which is essentially a one-man operation, from effectively competing in response to the River Corridor RFP?

A. It appears unlikely that such an entity could respond effectively to the Corporate Involvement evaluation factor.